

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

formulating ~~a~~an Extensible Markup Language (XML) discovery information query at a console ~~or at one or more network devices~~, the console includes a managing device ~~to manage for the one or more network devices~~, wherein the XML discovery information query is initiated in one or more of the following ways automatically, ~~and~~ or by a ~~user~~ client; sending the XML discovery information query to a plurality of ~~third party~~ Internet content search engines to facilitate searching of discovery information relevant to the ~~one or more~~ network devices, wherein at least one of the network devices includes an XML discovery information file, wherein at least one of the network devices does not include an XML discovery information file;

in response to sending the XML discovery information query, receiving the following through the plurality of Internet content search engines: discovery information from the network devices that include an XML discovery information file ~~the plurality of third party Internet search engines~~, and discovery information from a proxy device for the network devices that do not include XML discovery information files ~~wherein the discovery information includes Internet Protocol (IP) addresses for the one or more network devices~~; and

using the retrieved discovery information to generate a network topology map for the ~~one or more~~ network devices.

2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, further comprising manipulating the retrieved discovery information.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising displaying the manipulated discovery information.
5. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium having stored thereon data representing sets of instructions which, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to:

formulate ~~a~~an Extensible Markup Language (XML) discovery information query at a console ~~or at one or more network devices~~, the console includes a managing device ~~to manage for the one or more~~ network devices, wherein the XML discovery information query is initiated ~~in one or more of the following ways automatically or, and by a userclient;~~ send the XML discovery information query to a plurality of ~~third-party~~ Internet content search engines to facilitate searching of discovery information relevant to the ~~one or more~~ network devices, ~~wherein at least one of the network devices includes an XML discovery information file, wherein at least one of the network devices does not include an XML discovery information file;~~ in response to the sending of the XML discovery information query, receive ~~the following through the plurality of Internet content search engines:~~

discovery information from the network devices that include an XML discovery information file, and
discovery information from a proxy device for the network devices that do not include XML discovery information files the plurality of third-party Internet search engines, wherein the discovery information includes Internet Protocol (IP) addresses for the one or more network devices; and
use the retrieved discovery information to generate a network topology map for the one or more network devices.

- 6-7. (Canceled)
8. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 65, wherein the sets of instructions which, when executed by the machine, further causes the machine to manipulate the retrieved discovery information.
9. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 8, wherein the sets of instructions which, when executed by the machine, further cause the machine to display the manipulated discovery information.

Claims 10-25 (Canceled)